

portion and further wherein a supporting height of the first seal portion and the second seal portion is substantially the same.

4. (Once Amended) A manufacturing method of a liquid crystal display apparatus having a liquid crystal display panel, comprising the steps of:

[superposing] superimposing a pair of facing substrates to form said liquid crystal display panel; and

injecting liquid crystal display material between said pair of facing substrates, wherein a first portion of seal material is coated on a periphery of said pair of substrates, and a second portion of seal material is coated [in dot-shaped and/or linear-shaped form] at portions located [at] outside of an effective picture element area of said liquid crystal display panel and further wherein a supporting height of the first and second portions of seal material is substantially the same.

REMARKS

In accordance with the Examiner's request, Applicant has attached a proposed drawing amendment that adds a "Prior Art" designation to each Figures 2-5. Applicant requests that this proposed drawing amendment be made of record in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 USC sections 102 and 103. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references of record, whether considered alone, or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention.

In that regard, Applicant notes that the present amendment modifies independent claims 1 and 4 to include a requirement that a supporting height of the first and second portions of seal material be substantially the same. Applicant's claimed invention is directed to an improved